Curtailing of the Activities of ITDC

3571. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a well-planned strategy is being worked out in the Ministry with the help of some senior officials of ITDC to curtail the activities of ITDC enshrined in its Memorandum of Articles and Association so as to help the private sector in the field of accommodation| catering and transport services; and

(b) if so, what are the facts of the case and what steps are being taken against such officials to save ITDC, a public sector enterprise, from the clutches of such bureaucrats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Selling of Various Units to State Governments by ITDC

3572. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITDC is selling its various units to State Governments|Corporations on book value basis on the plea that these are losing units and thus is losing its all India character;

(b) if so, whether this has the approval of the Central Government; and

(c) whether State Governments would be able to run these units more efficiently than the ITDC and earn profits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) With the approval of the Government of India the ITDC management has transferred ten of its Travellers Lodges and four Restaurants to the respective State Governments/Corporations on book value for more effective supervision, control and management and for integration with the tourism infrastructure in the respective States.

Expansion of ITDC Activities

3573. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the specific plans schemes and aims and objectives of the ITDC management during the Seventh Plan period to strengthen and expand its existing activities and also to increase its on activities in the new areas for the promotion of tourism in the country; including domestic tourism, other than joint venture schemes; and

(b) what are the details of the ITDC properties|units in catering and transport spheres which have been transferred to the State Governments/Tourism Corporations and also closed down during the last three years alongwith the reasons and justifications in each case and the number of employees who were working in each of these activities at the time of transfering|closing down and also the book value and commercial value of each property, unitwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) ITDC's role during the Seventh Five Year Plan in accordance with the guidelines of the Planning Commission is to consolidate and improve the working of its existing

hotels and to improve their financial viability.

A statement-I showing scheme-wise break-up of ITDC's approved Seventh Five Year Plan (1985—90) is attached. (*See* below). The approved plan allocation of ITDC does not include any provision for taking up new hotel project in the country.

(b) The requisite information is given at statement-II attached.

Statement-I

Schemewise Approved Plan Allocation for 7th Plan period, 1985—90

(Rs. in lacs)

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	Seventh Plan 1985—90 approved outlay
A.	*CONTINUING SCHEMES*	
1	Hotal Kanishka, New Delhi	32.00
2	Ashok Yatri Niwas, New Delhi	15.00
3	Hotel Samrat, New Delhi	18.00
4	Hotel at Agra	60.00
5	Hotel at Gulmarg	145.00
6	Expn. of Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneswar	50.00
7	Expn. & Conversion of TL Bodhgaya into Hotel	120.00
	TOTAL 'A' :	440.00
B.	*EXPANSION SCHEMES*	
1	Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel, Udaipur	30.00
2	Other Units	620.00
	TOTAL 'B' :	650.00
C.	*NEW SCHEMES*	—
D.	*JOINT VENTURE SCHEMES*	500.00
E.	*ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS/IMPROVEMENTS/RENOVATIONS TO EXISTING HOTELS*	1000.00
F.	*TRANSPORT*	1000.00
G.	*MISC. SCHEMES*	400.00
	GRAND TOTAL (A TO G) :	3990.00

Statement-II

Details of ITDC properties/units (Catering and transport) transferred to the State/Govts/ Tourism Corporations and those closed down during the last three years (1984-85 to 1986-87) and the reasons therefore

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the unit transferred/ closeddown	No. of employees	Reasons/Justification for transfer/closure	Book value / Commercial Value
	A—*HOTELS*			
1	Akbar Hotel New Delhi*	551	Handed over to the Ministry of External Affairs for their office use as decided by the Government.	*
	B—*RESTAURANTS*			
2	Ellora (Incl. one casual)	6	Transferred to respective State Govts/Corpns for more effective supervision and control and integration with the infrastructure in the State.	0.77@
	C—*TRAVELLERS' LODGES*			
3	Alanta	10 (incl. on contract)		3.43@
4	Manda	5		2.59@
5	Sanchi	5		2.96@
6	Kushinagar	4		1.91@
7	Konarak	2		1.90@
8	Trichi	4	Under finalisation.	
9	Thanjavur	5		
10	Kancheepuram	5		
11	Bijapur	5		
	D—*TRANSPORT*			
12	Hyderabad	14	Adequate transport facilities at these locations have been provided by the State Govts./private entrepreneurs, incurring continued losses by ITDC Units.	—
13	Jabalpur	8		—
14	Indore	9		
15	Guwahati	6		—
16	Bhopal	17		
17	Bhubaneshwar	7		
18	Kovalam**	9		—

*The property belongs to NDMC and was on lease with ITDC; the book value of fixed assets as at 31-3-86 which is the preceding year end of transfer (being 7-4-86) was of the order of Rs. 216 lakhs.

**Fleet withdrawn and unit being operated by hiring vehicles from outside.

@Represents book value; commercial value not ascertained.